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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Are the Government aware that this is not an exceptional year so far as breaches in the Cauvery are concerned? Even last year there were breaches in certain places, though there were not abnormal floods."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" No, Sir, I believe the floods this year are quite exceptional."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" With a view to make the Coleroon carry the flood water to a larger extent than now, I believe there are a number of proposals connected with the Coleroon river; for instance, have improvements to the Lower anicut and raising the flood banks of the Coleroon been carried out?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" Yes; certain proposals have been made in connexion with the Coleroon; but as regards the nature of the works and the exact work now being carried on, I must ask notice of the question."

Mr. S. N. Dorai Raja :—" With his usual sympathy for the poor, the hon. the Revenue Member has been recently to the Tanjore district. Will he be pleased to give us approximately the extent of relief that he thinks necessary there?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I am afraid it is not possible for me to do so; when I was there, a large part of the country was still under water and it was not possible then to say to what extent damage had been done. It was also not possible to see all the places affected personally, as the roads were impassable."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" Has the Government considered the desirability of adopting, in the case of the Cauvery delta also, the same principle as obtains in the Godavari and Kistna deltas and sending the whole of the floods through the Coleroon without using the Cauvery also to carry the flood water?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I believe that is the object aimed at here also, that is, it is intended that the Coleroon should carry most of the flood water. Of course a very important work which the Government are now carrying out is the construction of the Mettur dam which, when completed, will act as a flood regulator. When there are local floods in consequence of heavy rain, in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts, the flow of water in the Cauvery above Mettur can be checked at the reservoir."

Relief to the Adi-Dravidas affected by floods.

11-15 a.m. * 13 *Q.*—Swami A. S. Sahajanandam : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps have been taken by the Government for the relief of the Adi-Dravidas whose huts have been washed away by the recent floods; and

(*b*) whether the Government have any idea of providing homeless people with houses?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to-day to question No. 12. The destitute and homeless persons there referred to no doubt include Adi-Dravida.